

# SOCIETY

## Midsummer Finds Few Social Activities.

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DESPITE the advanced season the Capital is far from being the deserted village of other midsummers. With Congress still in session and small chance of early adjournment, the Congressional circle is almost intact and the press of national affairs, which has detained the Cabinet and the members of the various governmental boards, not to mention those engaged in duties directly occasioned by the war, has officialdom almost complete. Society women who are not actually d with war relief work are still doing their bit by abandoning the retreat of some seaside or mountain resort and remaining in to minister to the comfort of their husbands who find a vacation impossibility in these troublous times.

The list of summer sojourners from the Capital remains small, gh country homes in the vicinity of town have opened in large bers and there is a great deal of leasing and releasing of attractive valuable property within motoring distance of the government departments. The diplomats are detained in town almost en masse and they have established their families at the resorts in Pennsylvania and Maryland, closely adjacent to the Capital. The Mount Alto Inn, on the edge of Washington, with a lovely view of the entire city, is summer headquarters for a number of foreign representatives and has a large clientele of army and navy folk also. The residential set, which has few affiliations with the various branches of government service, is the only circle of society which has been greatly broken into by seekers after summer recreation.

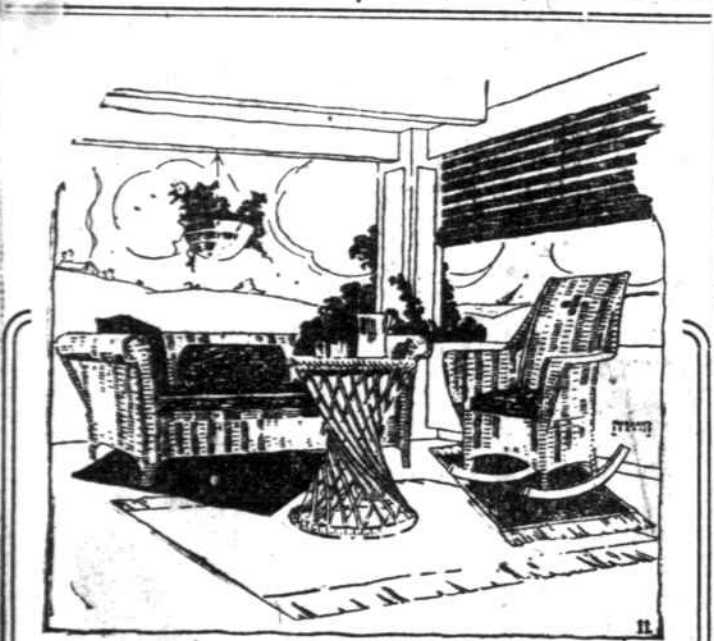
Interesting visitors still arrive at Washington on business and pleasure bent and more than enough prominent hosts remain in town to entertain them in befitting manner. Mr. Daniel Blumenthal was the latest distinguished guest to arrive and was entertained by the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand at a small but charming dinner party at the embassy. Mr. Blumenthal was the former mayor of Colmar in Alsace. The French Embassy has been the scene of frequent hospitality this summer, more entertaining having fallen to the lot of the Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, who are exceptionally delightful hosts, than has been the rule since the outbreak of the European war. The reception which they gave last Saturday in commemoration of the fall of the Bastille was a brilliant event, quite out of the usual as a midsummer function, and gathered together the most distinguished and exclusive circles of society.

Though entertaining, except at small dinner parties and occasionally an informal dance, has been quite generally abandoned, hospitalities will be revived for three popular summer brides, Miss Edith Blair, Miss Dorothy Shuey and Miss Frances Effinger. Each has done a large share of entertaining for the brides of her set and, despite the warm weather, a long series of luncheons, dinners and showers has been arranged to precede their respective weddings. Miss Shuey's list of attendants, which is almost complete, includes Mrs. Joel William Bunkley as matron of honor, and Miss Edith Gracie as maid of honor. Miss Gracie, who is now visiting in New York as the guest of the parents of her fiance, Mr. Dunbar Adams, will return to Washington early in August. The date has been selected for the wedding of Miss Marie Eugenia Smith and Lieut. Commander Hollis Taylor Winston, U. S. N. The ceremony will take place on Saturday evening, September 1, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brancorini Smith. Only relatives and intimate friends will be present and the bride will have as her only attendant her sister, Miss Lucille Clair Smith. Lieut. Commander Hayne Ellis, U. S. N., will be best man.

The diplomatic list issued by the Department of State for July, 1917, presents some interesting changes in the personnel of the Diplomatic Corps. The newly appointed Ambassador of Russia, Prof. Boris Bakmeteff, appears at the head of the Russian Embassy staff for the first time, with Mme. Bakmeteff, who is now at Briarcliff, N. Y., listed as absent. Mr. Constantin Onou, who was charged d'affaires from the time of the resignation of the former Ambassador, Mr. George Bakmeteff, is now counselor of the embassy. The staff has been augmented by the addition of a new first secretary, Mr. Jean Soukine.

Mr. Arturo de Heeren, who was recently added to the staff of the secretaries of the Spanish Embassy, has leased the residence at 119 Sixteenth street, and with Mme. Heeren will occupy it shortly. They are at present spending the week at Chelsea. Mme. de Heeren is a daughter of Mr. Rodman Wanamaker, and a granddaughter of Mr. John Wanamaker, who was Postmaster General in the Cabinet of President Benjamin Harrison. She is a sister of Mrs. Gurnee Munn. The house they have taken was occupied last winter and the previous winter by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Atherton, of Boston.

A naval attaché, Commander Dons, has been added to the staff of the Norwegian Embassy, and Christopher F. Smith, whose engagement to Miss Dorothy Shuey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shuey, has recently been announced, is temporarily attached as secretary. Commander Dons, who is accompanied by Mme. Dons, is residing at Groton, Conn.



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MRS. THOMAS WATT-GREGORY, wife of the Attorney General, who has gone to Texas to pass the summer. Mrs. Gregory is one of the most popular Cabinet hostesses.



Dr. Louis Schultess has been added to the temporary staff of the Swiss Legation and the additions to the list of the Danish Legation staff are: Mr. J. E. Bogild, commercial adviser, and Mrs. Bogild, and Mrs. N. V. Boeg, commercial secretary, and Mrs. Boeg, temporarily attached.

Mr. Albert Blanchet has been appointed secretary of the Haitian Legation and he and Mrs. Blanchet are residing at 140 R street. Mr. Maurice Menos, the former secretary of the legation, has been detached.

Mr. Christo D. Kaneff, attaché at the Bulgarian Legation, has been detached. Mr. Louis Leclercq has been appointed first secretary of the Belgian Legation.

Gen. Vignal, military attaché of the French Embassy, and Mme. Vignal have taken an apartment in the St. Nicholas. The naval attaché, Commander de Blampre, and Mme. de Blampre, have moved from the Highlands to 1220 Twenty-third street, and Lieut. de Vasselau de Chivigne, assistant naval attaché, who has recently come to Washington, has quarters at 263 Columbia road. M. de Sartiges, third secretary of the embassy, who has been absent, has returned to Washington.

The Counselor of the Swedish Legation, Baron Akerheim, and Baroness Akerheim, who have been at 203 O street for the early summer, have moved to Beverly Courts, 1726 Columbia road.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Webster, of Chestnut Hill, to Mr. Richard Harle, of Philadelphia, will take place on August 16.

The marriage of Miss Ann Talbot Day, daughter of Mr. L. Ferman Day, to Mr. Danforth Miller, of New York, is set for August 14 at Southampton, L. I., where Mrs. Day has a summer home. Mrs. Day and her daughter spent last winter in Washington and made a host of friends in society. Their new home near the junction of Massachusetts and Wisconsin avenues, near the new home of Col. John R. Williams, is expected to be completed in time for them to occupy it next season. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Leiter will go to Southampton for the wedding.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace MacFarlin Woodward in Monroe street, Brookland, when their daughter, Miss Octavia Owen Woodward, became the bride of Dr. Frank Ashby Robey of this city.

The ceremony, which was witnessed by only the immediate families, was performed by Rev. Thomas D. Williams, pastor of St. Anthony's church. The house was artistically adorned with flowers and the mantelpiece in the drawing room, before which the bride and bridegroom stood for the marriage service, was banked with a profusion of roses, palms, ferns and trailing vines.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white Georgette crepe, the bodice of which was of soft white satin. Her tulle veil was beautifully arranged and caught with a bandeau of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

Mrs. Jennie Lorrell Walters, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milton T. Walters, was the bridesmaid.

MISS HELEN FOSS, of Nyack-on-Hudson, charming New York girl, who was a recent visitor to the Capital as the guest of Miss Gertrude Jewett.



bouquet of Bride roses. Her only ornament was a crescent brooch of sapphires and pearls, a gift from the bridegroom.  
Miss Rebecca Woodward was her sister's only attendant. Her gown was of delft blue tulle and she carried an arm bouquet of yellow rosebuds.  
Dr. Robey had as his best man his brother, Mr. George Robey.  
Following the ceremony there was a small reception for the guests present, after which Dr. and Mrs. Robey left for a northern wedding journey, the latter wearing a modish traveling costume of green Jersey cloth and a small hat of black straw.  
After August 1 they will be at home at the Duddington, in Lanier place northwest.

## Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kaufman announce the engagement of their daughter, Marguerite, to Mr. Louis Glaser, of New York, formerly of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Batchelder, of Edgemont, Brookline, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sabra Foster Batchelder, to Mr. Bartlett Harwood, Harvard, 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Harwood, of Newton. Mr. Harwood is a member of the Hasty Pudding and Delphi Clubs, and was on the 1912 Harvard freshman and the '13, '14 and '15 varsity crews.

Of interest to a wide circle of friends in the east and south is the announcement made by Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Wright, of Mayfield, Ky., of the engagement of their daughter, Helen Gould Wright, to Mr. William James Turken, of this city. While no definite date for the wedding has yet been announced, it is understood that it will take place early in the autumn at the Wright homestead in Kentucky.

The Public Printer and Mrs. Cornelius Ford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Mr. Thomas A. Holden of this city.

Mrs. Richard Ratcliffe Farr, of Fairfax, Va., announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret, to Mr. Joseph Dunbar Franzoni, of this city. The wedding will take place in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Darling, of Cambridge, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Katherine Darling, to Mr. Donald Holbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Holbrook, of Newton.

## Army and Navy.

Mrs. Lejeune, wife of Brig. Gen. John A. Lejeune, has left Washington for a visit to her mother, Mrs. Murdaugh, at Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Haight, wife of Capt. Charles S. Haight, who is stationed at Fort Myer, and who is instructor of the cavalry troop at the training camp, left Sunday for Lenox, Mass., where she will pass the summer with her mother, Mrs. Polson, at her home there.

Mrs. Chase W. Kennedy will leave Washington this week for Gettysburg, joining Gen. Kennedy, who is in command of the camp there. Mrs. Kennedy will return to her apartment at the Dresden in October, making her headquarters here during the war.

Mrs. Garlington, wife of Gen. Ernst A. Garlington, has gone to West Point to visit her son-in-law and daughter.

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